

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 635  
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor George Lawson Elder on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those exemplary public servants who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, George Lawson Elder, "Pappaw", is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 36 years as a distinguished member of the Lauderdale County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Pappaw exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean. He is renowned throughout Lauderdale County for his friendliness, as he have truly never met a stranger; and

WHEREAS, he served astutely as a Ripley City Alderman for four years, and has served meritorious terms as the president of the Lauderdale County Farm Bureau, and President of Cane Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, he has also rendered valuable service as a member of the Lauderdale County Hospital Advisory Board and the Lauderdale County Health Care Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, he is recognized throughout the county as a compassionate person who is deeply concerned about his fellow man, and as a morally upright man who cherishes the Lord, his family and his church; and

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WHEREAS, a winning personality and a distinguished presence are two of Mr. Elder's laudable characteristics and his fellow citizens have appropriately honored his estimable leadership and peerless citizenship; and

WHEREAS, a few of his honors are: inclusion in the Exchange Club Golden Book of Deeds, and selection as Lauderdale County Outstanding Tomato Grower, and Fraternal Order of Police Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elder is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, and participates in numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, he serves with acumen and dedication as Chairman of Ushers at his church and also takes time from a very busy schedule to visit the sick and elderly at nursing homes and hospitals; he has performed this humanitarian deed on a daily basis for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elder is affectionately known as the “turnip green man”, because for years he has evidenced his generosity by planting acres of turnip greens for the public to pick free of charge; and

WHEREAS, George Lawson Elder is the son of Calvin and Edna Elder and the husband of Shirley Dean Hathcock Elder; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud parent of Ronnie Lynn Elder and Edna Lisa Elder who has gone on to her great reward in Heaven; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, Jennifer Elise Elder Kent and Melissa Lynn Elder who lovingly call him Pappaw; and

WHEREAS, his life is filled with humorous experiences including his grandchildren's early driving escapades, and his uncanny ability to give hilariously descriptive nicknames to people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elder's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend George Lawson Elder on his estimable service to Lauderdale County as a County Commissioner and dedicated public servant and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.